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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$2,500,000

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H. Stolterfoht, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.Chief Manager,
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Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893.THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
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HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.CAPITAL PAID UP.....\$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS.....\$800,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$275,000INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months.....5 per cent.
" " " " 3 " " 3 "A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1894.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,150,000
PAID UP.....\$588,500BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of a per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 months.....5 per cent.
" " " " 4 "
" " " " 3 "JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1894.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP.....\$2,000,000BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIF'S BANK, LIMITED.HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.BRANCHES:
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SHANGHAI.AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893.

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STERLING.For Forms of Proposal and every information
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Hongkong, 29th June, 1894.

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EQUAL TO } \$315,000.00.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.CHAU TSUNG FAT,
Secretary.HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

Intimations.

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the above COMPANY will be held at the Office
of the Company, CONNAUGHT HOUSE, on
MONDAY, the 14th January, 1895, at NOON,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, together with a Statement of Account
to 30th September, 1894, and for the election of
Directors and Auditors.A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1894.

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.NOTE is hereby given that the
HOLDERS of the SHARES in the
above Company Numbered as follows:25 Shares Numbered 2,124, 2,124,
50 " " 9,000, 9,159
25 " " 10,305, 10,329
500 " " 10,830, 11,329
200 " " 12,510, 12,709
600 " " 12,735, 13,334
200 " " 14,178, 14,377
100 " " 14,378, 14,477
200 " " 14,478, 14,777
50 " " 18,180, 18,367
1,750 " " 19,155, 20,904
50 " " 21,105, 21,154
250 " " 21,180, 21,620
200 " " 21,830, 22,020
5 " " 21,122, 24,126
400 " " 24,127, 24,526
100 " " 25,067, 25,165
100 " " 25,742, 25,841
200 " " 26,879, 27,056
30 " " 27,387, 27,416
100 " " 27,631, 28,020
37 " " 29,231, 29,257
75 " " 29,852, 29,926
25 " " 29,927, 30,001
50 " " 39,143, 39,194are hereby required on or before the 23rd day
of January, 1895, to PAY to ME at my Office
No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, the
CALLS DUE thereon, together with Interest on
such Calls at the rate of Ten Per Cent. from the
several days appointed for Payment thereof and
together with all expenses that may have been
incurred by the Company by reason of such
Non-payment. And that in the event of Non-
payment of the said Calls and Interest and expenses
on or before the said 23rd day of
January, 1895, at the place aforesaid the said
Shares will be LIABLE to be FORFEITED,
By Order of the Board.W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1895.

KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 4.

CAPE CAMI LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHT
at CAPE CAMI was EXHIBITED for
the first time at Sunset on the 1st January.The illuminating apparatus is Revolving
Dioptric of the Fourth Order, showing double
white flashes at intervals of half a minute.The Lighthouse stands about 83 yards north
of high-water mark on the southermost point
of the islet marked on the charts as Cape Cami;and the Light, which is elevated 67 feet above
the level of the sea, should be visible in clear
weather at a distance of 13 3/10th nautical
miles in all directions where it is not obscured
by land.The tower is an iron screw pile structure, 55
feet high, with total height from its base to
the lantern wane of 6 1/2 feet.

The tower and dwellings are painted white.

Approximate position:
Latitude 20° 13' 40" N.
Longitude 109° 55' 5" E.

CAUTION.

On account of the outlying reefs about Cape
Cam, Vessels are recommended not to round
it at any less distance than two miles from the
Lighthouse.C. J. PRICE,
Acting Harbour Master.Approved : F. S. UNWIN,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.Customs House,
Kinsarvon, 2nd January, 1895.

THE PHARMACY.

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THE NEW JAPANESE TABLE WATER.
Recommended by leading Medical Men in
Hongkong and China.Analytical report by ARTHUR HILL HASSALL,
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Hongkong, 7th April, 1894.

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Intimations.

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THE WHIST TABLE, edited by Portland.
The Knights and Kings of Chess, by G.
A. Macdonald.
Colonisation of Indo-China, by Charley-Bart.
Electric Light and Power, by Guy.
Iron Plate, by Max Pemberton.
Evolution, by Lord Salisbury.
Ferro Prussian Paper for Copying Plans, white
lines on blue ground.
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Prepared Paper for Oil Painting.OIL PAINTING BLOCKS.
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Three Castles Cigarettes and Tobacco.
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1895.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1895.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1895.

TELEGRAMS.

A CONUNDRUM.

LONDON, January 9th.

M. Rousseau goes as Minister to Tonquin. What Reuter probably means is that M. Rousseau will succeed M. de Lanessan, as Governor-General of Indo-China. And this interesting fact was wired from Paris on December 30th. M. Rousseau was at one time Under Secretary for the Marine and Colonies.—Ed., *H.K. Telegraph*.]

GERMAN BENEVOLENCE.

The German Red Cross Society has voted a sum of four hundred pounds sterling for the use of the Red Cross Society of Japan.

THE PORT ARTHUR ATROCITIES.

The *Times* correspondent describes four days' horrible butchery of unarmed Chinese, attended with nameless atrocities. Groups of prisoners fled who were riddled with bullets, and afterward hacked to pieces.

The *Times*, in a leading article, admits the Japanese had some provocation in the mistreatment of a few of their countrymen, but the disgrace of cold-blooded butchery rests with the Japanese Army; adding that the General who failed to arrest this merciless slaughter has cast an indelible blot upon the Japanese Army. [We feel confident that Cowen, the *Times* correspondent alluded to—and who is likewise Comic Special to the *China Mail*—would quickly extinguish himself when allowed room enough. And he has effectively done so—the instant j'accuse!—Ed., *H.K. Telegraph*.]

LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE LIBERALS AND THE LABOUR PARTY.

LONDON, December 14th.

Lord Rosebery, speaking at West Ham, urged the necessity of concord between the Liberals and the Labour Party and taking common action in questions relating to the working classes. His lordship said that at the present juncture the points of difference between the two parties on other subjects should be resolved.

INDIA AND NYASSA.

December 15th.

M. H. H. Johnston, C.B., Imperial Commissioner of Nyassaland, will visit India in connection with his ideas of promoting the emigration and settlement of Indian traders and agriculturists in Nyassaland. Mr. Johnston will probably arrive here next January.

THE REICHSTAG.

BERLIN, December 15th.

The Reichstag to-day adopted a resolution to strengthen the disciplinary powers of the President.

THE BUFFER STATE COMMISSION.

RANGOON, December 16th.

Mr. Warry, adviser to the Chinese Government, is en route to meet Mr. Scott, who reached Kengtung on the 30th ultimo, and was invited for Hongkong, where the party were to meet on December 2nd. The escort consists of 125 rank and file 1st Burma Rifles, one Gurkha Company, and three native officers. The whole are commanded by Captain G. N. Caulfield. The work of the Mission begins from Kengtung, and the settlement of the limits of the intermediary zone will occupy about one month. A great deal of survey work is expected to be done by 2d of the party who belong to the Survey of India Department. The trigonometrical points already fixed will be verified. Surgeon-Major Lloyd is in medical charge of the Mission.

COTTON DUTIES IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, December 17th.

A Bill was introduced imposing a duty of five per cent. on cotton imports; and an equivalent excise duty will be levied on such Indian manufactures as come into direct competition with the imported article; counts of yarns of higher than twenty shillings per pound being taken as exempt up to 24 shillings.

LONDON, December 17th.

The *Times* leading article declares that the Bill is a measure of justice to India, the duty being demanded by the general voice of that country.

WASHINGTON, December 18th.

The House of Representatives has commenced a debate on the Bill presented by Mr. Carlisle, the Secretary for the Treasury, for reforming the Currency and Banking Laws.

THE EGYPTIAN BUDGET.

CAIRO, December 19th.

The Budget report of the Egyptian Legislative Council states that the condition of the fallahs is desperate, owing to over taxation. It urges the diminution of the staff of European officials and the employment of the surplus revenue for the benefit of the fallahs.

11 NOON, December 19th.

At a meeting of the Manufacturers and Operators' Society, Manchester, a resolution was passed, which was afterwards wired to Mr. Fowler, Secretary of State for India, protesting strongly against the imposition of cotton duties in India for which a countervailing excise duty was not equivalent.

The *Times* financial article, referring to the statements of the Chairman at the meeting of the Bombay-Baroda Railway, says that it seems incredible, in view of the favorable results shown, that investors are so confident in investing in new lines in India and suggests that English Chambers of Commerce should publish concisely facts showing that a large percentage is payable on many Indian Railways.

PARIS, December 20th.

The scandals connected with blackmailing clubs by French journalists are extending; investigations reveal further ramifications of evil, and more journalists are being implicated.

LAUNCH OF THE "MAGNIFICENT."

LONDON, December 20th.

The barbette battleship *Magnificent* was floated to-day. The ceremony of the launching is a specially notable feat, the huge vessel having been constructed within the current year.

RUSSIAN COTTON DUTY.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 20th.

The Russian Government has sanctioned an increase in the import duty on cotton.

LONDON, December 20th.

The death is announced of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Conservative member for Evesham.

December 21st.

Major Owen and Captain Macdonald have been authorised to wear the decoration of the Star of Zanzibar for services at Ujapore; also Lieutenant Arthur for services while commanding the Zanzibar troops in active service.

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Admiral Belford has been appointed C. B., and Captain Campbell of the cruiser *Phoebe*, and Captain Powell of the cruiser *Phoebe* have been appointed C. B., with other naval rewards for services connected with the operations against the Chief Nana, on the West Coast of Africa.

N. Y. NEW YORK, December 21st.

Much anxiety is being felt in financial circles owing to a recommencement of a drama in American gold to Europe, notwithstanding the steps taken to strengthen the reserve. A heavy export is again depleting the stock of gold in the United States Treasury.

CARIO, December 21st.

The Budget report of the Egyptian Legislative Council demands that one million pounds should be set aside for reduction of the land tax and protests against the presence of the British Army of Occupation.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, December 21st.

The *Times*, referring to the state of affairs in British East Africa, regrets the delay which is taking place in settling the claims of the British East Africa Company which, it says, should not be treated grudgingly, but under any circumstances the British Government should build with a railway connecting the coast with Uganda.

THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS IN AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, December 21st.

The first of the cricket matches between Mr. Stoddart's team and All Australia was concluded yesterday. The attendance and enthusiasm were great, and a sensational struggle resulted in the victory of Mr. Stoddart's eleven by ten runs. All Australia won the toss, and in their first innings put together 560 runs, Mr. Stoddart's team compiling 325, which necessitated a follow on. In their second attempt the English team compiled 437 runs. The Australians then went in, but were only able to obtain 166, amidst the greatest excitement of the enormous crowd of spectators, leaving the English team winners by only ten runs. The match lasted six days.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

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The eighth half-yearly meeting of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association was held last night. The President of the Association, Captain A. Tillett (Marine Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company) presided, and there were also present Captains B. Branch (Hon. Treasurer), H. C. A. Harris, S. MacIsaac, J. C. Cheetham, Messrs. J. Calder, A. Mogridge, S. Nicholson, J. W. Chambers, T. Barnwell, J. Thomas, Geo. Williams (Secretary) and others.

The Secretary opened the proceedings by reading the report for the last half-year, from which we take the following extract:—"During the past six months there have been 14 resignations (mostly bad paying members), one member was removed by death and there were 19 new members and 5 nominations. The total membership is as follows:—Ordinary, 120; annual, 3; visiting, 4.

"At the adjourned fourth Annual Meeting, held on the 20th August, 1894, a Management Committee of 40 members was formed; and at a committee meeting held on 7th September, 5 members were elected as a Bar Committee. Since the aforesaid Committee was formed the condition of the Association has vastly improved; rowdy members have been expelled, non-members have been ejected from the Rooms, and improper conduct in the Rooms has been suppressed. A lease of the Rooms has been taken for one year at \$100 per month, owing to Messrs. Lantz, Wegener, &c., having leased the whole premises, and giving us the alternative of leasing the rooms from them at the above mentioned rent or quit the premises. No other rooms being suitable for the Association, it was resolved at a committee meeting to take out a lease for the rooms we at present occupy. A very enjoyable and successful Smoking Concert was given at the Rooms on the 16th November; over 100 persons were present; all kinds of refreshments were free, and a balance of \$18 was left from the 'Smoker' fund. Financially we are in a much better position than we have been for the last six months, as is also observed by the Balance Sheet that we have. Independent of stock, furniture, &c., a balance credit of \$92.44 after clearing our liabilities. On the 1st September our liabilities amounted to \$497 with only \$34 cash in hand; so it is very obvious that we are again on the surface. Evidently, members are paying up better than formerly, and we have now 100 good paying members against 80 in August last.

"Our Honorary President, Captain A. Tillett, has expressed his intention of resigning the Presidentship at this Meeting, and it has been proposed by most of the members that Captain Harris of the Douglas Co.'s steamer *Nassau* should succeed him, providing Captain Harris is agreeable to accept the position."

Captain B. Branch presented a statement of accounts which showed satisfactory progress made by the Association and a sound financial status. He urged the members to be punctual in the payment of subscriptions and other dues and, amidst applause, congratulated the Secretary, Mr. Geo. Williams, upon the result of his labours and the attention he had given to the affairs of the Association.

Mr. Calder followed in a lengthy and earnest address, in which he expressed the hope that the Association would long be maintained as a credit to the British trading community.

Captain H. C. A. Harris was elected President by the unanimous vote of the meeting. In acknowledging the compliment he referred to the labours of the Secretary who had performed his duties very satisfactorily.

A cordial vote of thanks to Captain Tillett, the retiring President, and a similar compliment to Captain Branch for his services as Treasurer, concluded the business of the meeting.

Yours, etc.,

THE SUNDAY CARGO WORKING ORDINANCE.

THE EXEMPTION OF MAIL STEAMERS.

THE "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" ASHORE.

It was rumoured in shipping circles to day that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, Captain P. T. Smith, which was timed to arrive here to-morrow from San Francisco, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, was badly ashore off the south coast of Japan. At first the report gained but slight credence, but we regret, however, to find, upon inquiry at the Pacific Mail Co.'s office, that the rumours were well founded, for the Agent courageously informed

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reinforcements the latter will be able to give the Japanese Second Army another battle in the near future.

A decree dated the 3rd instant has been received at this port by-wire to the following effect:—Li Hung-chang reports that amongst the General responsible for the loss of Port Arthur last November, General Huang Sze-lin fell, during the fighting at the time, into the water, but was rescued. As for Tsoo Hsui-yi (the runaway commander of Tallewan) and Wei Ju-ch'eng, Li Hung-chang declares that these two men cannot be found. The Emperor now commands that Huang Sze-lin be forthwith sent under arrest to the Board of Punishments for trial, and that his rank of expectant 7th/4 be taken away from him. As for Tsoo Hsui-yi and Wei Ju-ch'eng, above-named, Li Hung-chang is commanded to search for them diligently and not allow them to escape from punishment.

A telegram from Tientsin received yesterday afternoon, January 4th, at Shanghai's states that the Japanese have been giving new names to some of the cities they have captured in Manchuria, and that great indignation is consequently felt by the Chinese at the alleged presumption of the enemy. For instance, the sub-prefectural town of Kinchow near Port Arthur, taken on the 6th of November last, has been transmuted into a *hellen* or district magistracy, and the name changed into Lohchun-hanhsien, the presiding magistrate being a Japanese; but this proceeding is capped by placing a renegade Korean over the city of Hsienyu, to the south-west of Fenghuangcheng, as sub-prefect of that city. The name of Hsienyu is also said to have been changed for some characters commemorative of the event which led to its capture last October.

The recent tour of inspection over the land and river defences of the Lingkhang provinces by Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has already produced results. A stringent order has been issued, under death penalties, that the troops obey their foreign instructors as readily as their own, as well as not less than eighty foreigners of various nationalities, more or less acquainted with military duties, have been recently engaged by Chang Chih-tung, the majority according to our informant, being of Danish origin, some of whom have come out specially to join the Chinese service. In the second place his Excellency finds that, according to the Hunan system, it has been the custom for the troops belonging to the Army of the Slang (*Shang Chin*) to be paid once every forty days. Instead of this monthly as in the case of the Army of the Hsia (*Hsia Chin*) belonging to Li Hung-chang's organisation. The Viceroy Chang has now ordered that the troops within his jurisdiction be paid monthly and their wages be raised from Tls. 3.20 to Tls. 4.20. For the artillerists stationed at the various forts at Woosung and the Yangtze the pay has been increased from five to ten taels monthly, and four hundred new gunners, picked from the Yangtze, gunboat flotilla have since been added to the garrison at the Woosung forts, and 1,200 to the various Yangtze forts at Klangyin, Chinkiang, Nanking, etc. etc.

According to advices from Chefoo it is contemplated that in the present moment there cannot be less than 20,000 men stationed in the vicinity of that port, not including Weihaiwei, where there are some 11,000 men belonging to Wu Ta-ch'eng, the ex-Governor of Hunan, and 6,500 belonging to the regular garrison in the forts. The Chefoo troops are under the special command of Li Ping-heng, the Governor of the province. In order to get the quickest intelligence of any attempted landing of the Japanese on the Shantung coast the Governor has despatched 3,500 cavalry (well armed with Winchester repeating carbines) spread out at distances of two or three miles along the coast north and south of Chefoo, and in bodies of from 250 to 300 each. The Governor is still decapitating Port Arthur and Weihaiwei deserters at regular intervals. A soldier who was made captive at Kinchow last November by the Japanese, and who, with ninety odd comrades, was subsequently incarcerated at Tallewan, has succeeded in making his escape back to Chefoo, and has reported to Governor Li Ping-heng that on the 24th of November last nineteen of the way prisoners at Tallewan tried to escape from confinement of whom eighteen were subsequently recaptured. The unfortunate men were stripped of their clothing and the next morning were found frozen to death!

According to the *Shepao* the Japanese Government has telegraphed to the Tsang Yen-tung its acquiescence in the Chinese overtures for peace, and that Chang Ying-hsun, Vice-President of the Board of Revenue, has been ordered to proceed to Shanghai from Peking in order to meet Shao Yu-lin, the acting Governor of Hunan, at Shanghai preparatory to starting for Japan.

The new Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial armies in the North, Liu Kun-yi, was escorted by a bodyguard of 15,000 infantry and 2,200 cavalry upon arrival at Tientsin last month, which, added to the 60,000 foot and 7,000 cavalry which have been flowing northward since August last from the Yangtze provinces, should bring the army of the Slang in the Pei-yang up to nearly 90,000 men.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

FOOCHOW, December 29th. It is understood that Tls. 2,000,000 have been subscribed by the guide to the War Loan of this province.

The Honan General, Ch'ing Wan Min, has been appointed military Commander-in-Chief of the forces in this prefecture.

The price of oranges, which last year at this season was \$3 per cwt., has advanced this year to \$6 and even \$7. The scarcity of this fruit is attributed to the lack of rain.

Large and profitable business is reported on small subsidiary silver coins, made in Canton. The ten cents pieces are bought for 80 cash at Canton, and are sold here for 90 cash at.

The pole merchants complain that on account of the war, freights have been so high that they have not been able to ship the large quantities of poles usually exported from this port.

The much respected and popular Provincial Judge, Chang Kuo Cheng, returned in the *Pechili* on Monday from Peking, where he was sent as deputy of the Province to render homage to the Empress Dowager on her 60th birthday.

The new Viceroy, Pien Pao Ch'uan, has announced that, having received definite orders from the Emperor, he intends starting from his home on the 6th of the Chinese first moon, which will probably bring him to Foo-chow about the end of February.

The sweet potatoes, bamboo shoots, beans, and orange crops have been very poor, owing to the lack of rain, and this, coupled with the low exchange, (gold-to-day being quoted \$45.50 per tael), makes foreign goods expensive. The war is also curtailing Chinese importations, both in place goods and dry fish.

Native cloth weavers, of which there must be some 10,000 in the city, are complaining that they can only obtain 300 to 400 cash for a piece

15 feet long of their manufacture, as compared with double that price in former years. It is now used only by the country people, the cloth being found not so durable as the foreign importations which, though dearer, lasts longer.

Business among the natives has not been flourishing lately, teams complaining that owing to the low prices their load has obtained, they had to replace the tea plants by rice. The tea exported from the port up to date only amounts to 305,000 piculs, as compared with 493,000 piculs during 1893. Rice also coming so very late in the year has lessened the rice crop, and were it not for the large importation of grain from the north, the prices would have advanced enormously; as it is, on account of recent arrivals, prices have dropped another cent per picul during the current week.

It is said that some 20 large native banks have closed, profitable business being impossible. More are expected to close, and as Chinese New Year day is near at hand, falling this year on the 26th January, it is feared that many will not be able to meet their liabilities, and will probably have to declare themselves bankrupts. Such being the case, it is rather surprising to hear that the local authorities have put up a proclamation informing the public that, on account of the war, it will be necessary to impose a war tax, and calling on every one to contribute to it cheerfully and patriotically. It is being stated that large levies had to be made for the North and Formosa, to which place but very lately 500 more soldiers were despatched from Lung-ao, near Pagoda, and to replace them two recruits have arrived from Kiang Ning. *—Eho.*

KOREA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

JAPANESE DIFFICULTIES.

Seoul, December 11th, 1894.

Time does not smooth down the difficulties of the Japanese in Korea, probably because the Japanese do not possess that modicum of worldly wisdom which is supposed to be necessary for the making of a diplomat. When Otori was recalled and Inouye sent to take his place it was supposed that the "bully-boy" policy of the former would be done away with and one more wise counsel would take its place. And, indeed, in the beginning, every one was justified by Inouye's acts in thinking so. But the "nature of the animal" invariably crops out and there is very little difference between this administration and the former. The small Korean world was turned topsy-turvy by Otori's peculiar ideas of reform and so-called civilisation. After three months of this it is again turned topsy-turvy by Inouye abolishing Otori's doings and making new reforms & la Inouye. The Custom's Taotsi, Huang, reports that Viceroy Liu Kun-yi was sick somewhere up the Grand Canal yesterday. He was passed by some pedlars yesterday afternoon, frozen to about 30° from Tientsin.

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A telegram from New-chwang asks for assistance from the Red Cross Society, as wounded men are coming in. This indicates fighting not far away. It is believed that the Japanese are trying to surround and completely route General Sung's army. He is said to have some 20,000 men, and their defeat would be a very serious loss to China. Further news will be awaited with much interest. The Chinese are not likely to do more than check temporarily the advance of the Japanese army; many think they cannot possibly reach Peking before spring. *—N. C. Daily News.*

TIENTSIN NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

TIENTSIN, December 20th, 1894.

Fifty Japanese prisoners have been brought from the front, to be sent to Peking. These men say that they have been kindly treated since their capture and they are all well clothed in sheep-skin coats and Chinese boots.

I find upon further inquiry that the official who was lately here and left for Peking was not Liu Kun-yi, as stated, but Duke Kwei. The former has not yet reached here, and report says he is sick at heart having to leave Nanking.

By the latest advices from Peking, Li Hung-chang has now to face all the officials of the different Boards and the Censors, all of whom are turning against him. The party in opposition to him is daily growing stronger.

I wrote of the impeachment of General Sung, and now we have an Imperial edict ordering General Yeh, or Yashan, famous, Admiral Ting, and Kung Taotsi of Port Arthur, to appear before the Board of Punishments for the determination of their penalty.

The Customs Courier from New-chwang tells the same story as the native letter-carriers, that there are no Japanese between here and there. They are at Fuchow, and are reported to have General Sung surrounded. The long-executed plan seems just as far off as ever, as the armies are still facing each other and doing nothing. At least, this is the report from Chinese sources, and we believe that the news from Japanese sources is much exaggerated. Even Reuters only sends the Japanese versions, but as the Viceroy and Mr. Dering are still in good spirits, things cannot be as black as they are painted. *—Shangha Mercury.*

TIENTSIN, December 21st.

The Custom's Taotsi, Huang, reports that Viceroy Liu Kun-yi was sick somewhere up the Grand Canal yesterday. He was passed by some pedlars yesterday afternoon, frozen to about 30° from Tientsin.

A *taotong* of troops (500) left for Shanhaikuan this morning; more are to be sent. It is said that 20,000 have been sent to Chikuo. It is reported that about 50 Japanese prisoners have been brought to Tientsin from Manchuria captured while on scout or picket duties in small parties of two or more. They are to be sent to Peking.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

8th January, 1895.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Humidity.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.
Wuchow	30.05	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Taito	30.10	120.10	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Nagasaki	30.10	130.10	69	80	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW
Shanghai	30.10	120.00	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Foochow	30.05	120.05	69	80	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW
Amoy	30.05	120.05	69	80	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW
Sunow	30.05	120.05	69	80	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW	SSW
Castow	30.05	120.05	70	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Woochow	30.05	120.05	70	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
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Hocho	30.05	120.05	70	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Halpung	30.05	120.05	70	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Bellone	30.05	120.05	70	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Cape S. James	30.05	120.05	70	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE

9th January, 1895.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Temp.	Humidity.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.
Wuchow	30.15	120.15	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Taito	30.20	120.20	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Nagasaki	30.20	130.20	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Shanghai	30.20	120.10	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Foochow	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Amoy	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Sunow	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Castow	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Woochow	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Hocho	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Halpung	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Bellone	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Cape S. James	30.20	120.05	69	80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE

